MR. WELLS OFFERS TO AID MR. PARKER IN A CONTEST.

Mayor Addresses a Letter to Defeated Republican Candidate Asking for Action.

HE WILL PUT UP \$10,000.

Desires That the Truth or Falsity of Election Fraud Charges Be Proven in Court.

The accompanying letter from Mayor Wells to Geo. W. Parker, defeated Republican candidate for Mayor, was delivered at Mr. Parker's residence, No. 4474 Westminster place, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening by the Mayor's private secretary. James G. McConkey, who had instructions to give to Mr. Parker in person.

In response to the secretary's card, a message was sent down from Mrs. Parker to the effect that Mr. Parker was ill from grip and could not be seen. Mr. McConkey requested that the communication be delivered to Mrs. Parker if Mr. Parker could not be disturbed.

Later, a Republic reporter sent up his card, asking for a statement from Mr. Parker in regard to the letter from Mayor Wells. Mrs. Parker replied that she was not sure her husband would read the letter before morning, as he was not at all well. At 9 o'clock another call was made at the Parker home, and a note was sent up to Mr. Parker, explaining that the public would expect to see something from him concerning the communication and that a statement would suffice. Again Mrs. Parker sent word that Mr. Parker was not in a

CLARENCE F. PARKER'S COMMENT ON THE LETTER.

Clarence F. Parker, son of the defeated candidate and his companion throughout the the opinion that Mayor Wells was "making

a grand-stand play."
"I am unable to say what my father will in answer to Mr. Wells's letter," said he, "but I know that he has been opposed to entering into a contest personally, although he has been urged to do so by the Republican managers. His principal rea-son for taking this stand is that a contest would open up a controversy which, with the World's Fair approaching, would put the city in a much worse light in the eyes of the word than it already is, and I agree with my father that the present status of

So far as the financial proposition from on of the letter unwritten no one could

In the course of his remarks Mr. Parker also said that "Mr. Water may yet get what he wants," also that "he may be called on to deliver the goods." He was the opinion that even if his father were proceed ble to consider the matter at once he known.

FIRMLY INTRENCHED.

Send State Troops to Do

Sheriff's Posse's Work.

Frankfort, Ky., April 18.-County Judge

Blair of Letcher County arrived here on

Wednesday morning from Whitesburg to

make a personal request of Governor Beck-

ham that troops be sent to his county to

The Governor declined to send the troops

untains, realizing the uselessness of try-

Judge Blair says the fugitives are located

about ten miles out from Whitesburg in the

tains. The Reynolds faction occupies

Reynoldses are said to be well sup-with ammunition, and, owing to their a, it is believed they can hold out t a large force.

FOR THE PULPIT.

He Says if Preachers Were Less

Solemn-Faced the World

Would Be Better.

Chicago, Hi., April 18.—The visitors a Ringling's circus Sunday afternoon misse

the familiar figure of William Marks, one

of their foremost clowns, and sighed for

his antics, but Marks did not appear. He

had engaged to lead the service at a Sun-day school in Woodlawn.

Marks is studying for the ministry. He i

merely working as a clown that he may mars enough money to defray the expense of taking a course in a theological college.

"I dan't see anything out of the way."

said Marks to-day, "In earning money as

laughter, and this is certainly a factor for good in the world. Indeed, I believe that if

BERNARDO WEYL BANKRUPT.

Former St. Louisan Files Petition

in San Francisco Courts.

me of the present preachers of the word were a little less solemn of face and slower to condemn forms of amusement the world would be a far better place."

CLOWN STUDYING

L'UBLIC SPECIAL

capture the band of desperadoes there who are charged with the murder of Jemima

DESPERADOES ARE

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Hall and her son last fall.

ture the fugitives.

MAYOR WELLS TO MR. PARKER.

Executive Department, Mayor's Office.

St. Louis, April 18, 1901.

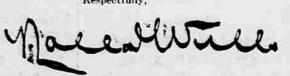
Mr. George W. Parker, City: Dear Sir-Since the election on the 2nd of April partisan newspapers have been making the statement that my election was effected by the grossest fraud at the polls. You also have made such statements in interviews, but I have refrained from saying anything on the subject, hoping that you would institute a judicial investigation so that, through the courts, the only proper machinery of the purpose, the truth or falsity of these statements could be shown. By your letter to the St. Louis Republican Club published in the Globe-Democrat of April 16, you advised me and others that you do not intend making any contest, and use the following language: "Speaking for myself as the defeated candidate for Mayor, I beg to say that I have been unable to get my own consent to the use of my name in such contest. No intelligent citizen doubts the proposition that the recent election was carried for the Democratic candidate by the grossest fraud backed up by brutal force, but having been counted out I am opposed personally to renew the strife in a contest

If you are sincerely of the opinion which you here express I do not see how you can consistently, in view of your duty to the party which nominated you, and to the people of the City of St. Louis, refuse to prove the truth of your state-

During the campaign I stated that I did not want, nor would I hold, the office of Mayor if I were not lawfully elected thereto. I now repeat that statement. The Republican newspapers of this city have charged that gigantic frauds were committed in this election. You have twice made the same statement. These statements are either true or false. If true, they ought to be immediately demonstrated; if false, such statements ought to cease and you and others who have made them ought to retract what you have said. In my opinion no greater misfortune can come to any community than that it should lose confidence in the honesty of its election.

If you will institute such a contest immediately I will enter appearance, waive every technicality, and co-operate with you in every proper way to have the ballot boxes opened, the votes counted, and the truth ascertained, provided that we shall each of us, deposit in the National Bank of Commerce in this city the sum of \$10,000 in trust, to be disposed of as follows: In the event that you are successful in your contest in the courts and are declared to be lawfully elected Mayor of this city, the \$10,000 deposited by you shall be immediately repaid to you, and the \$10,000 deposited by me shall be paid to you, to be used in the payment of your expenses in the contest. If you are unsuccessful and the courts shall hold that I am the lawfully elected Mayor of this city, my deposit of \$10,000 is to be repaid to me, but I do not ask for your \$10,000. I will pay all my own expenses and the \$10,000 deposited by you shall be paid to the Saturday and Sunday Hospital Collection Association for distribution amongst the hospitals in the proportions in which its last annual collection was disbursed,

Since both your interview and your letter were published, and since the matter is of great public concern, I have sent to the newspapers a copy of this communication, which will appear in to-morrow morning's issues.



to be added. He takes the position that the cries of traud which have been raised since the John D. Johnson, a l fraud which have been raised since the election and the charge that he was elected through fraud are not justified, unless the that he saw no prospect of a contest, finances on the saw no prospect of a contest, finances on the saw no prospect of a contest, finances on the saw no prospect of a contest, finances on the saw no prospect of a contest, finances on the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest, finances of the saw no prospect of a contest of the saw no prospect of the saw persons who make these general accusa-tions show their good faith by taking prop-mit his name to be used. er steps to prove the truth of their state-ments. Thorughout the campaign the bur-Democrats relied upon illegal methods to elect their ticket. Since the election no steps have been taken by the Republicans

PROPHECY COMES

would not give an answer until after he had deliberated upon it.

Mayor Wells stated that the letter explains itself and that there was nothing large. Last Tuesday Mr. Parker wrote a letter to President R. C. Day of the St. Louis Republican Club declining to allow his name to be used in a contest. This was after many prominent Republicans had John D. Johnson, a leader in the St. Louis

> "Mr. Parker's decision precludes the possibility of a contest on the mayoralty."

den of the speeches by Mr. Parker and the said Mr. Johnson, "and I do not think a plish what we wish; that is, to show up the

a contest must be served within twenty days after the official count of the votes cast at the election is completed. The Elecly and in every other way, to push such a tion Commissioners completed the count on proceeding in order that the facts may be the office of Mayor on April 7. This allows Mr. Parker until April 27 to give notice.

Governor Beckham Refuses to Greatest Feat of Engineering in Modern Times, the Damming of Saturday fair; variable winds. the Nile, Nearly Completed.

"And there shall be a highway

for the remnant of his people, which shall be led from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day when he came up out of the land of Egypt."-Prophecy of Isalah. ·······

to do the duty of a Sheriff's posse in the London, April 18.-When Sir John Aird, ing to move such a body secretly to capthe contractor of the great dam across the Nile at Assuan, walked across the dry ber of the river in front of the dam the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled. The "tongue of the Egyptian Sea" has of a verity been debrick house, 16x18 feet, the home of Mrs.

ynolds, a relative, at the head of No more can it lick up the lives and har-Milistone Creek, and near the scene of the encounter of last Thursday, when three of Detective Wright's posse were killed.

There are windows on all sides of the house. By night lanterns are placed at invests of Egypt at its pleasure, or, by twisting to one side or the other or by curling back, refuse to give to Egypt moisture when the parched fields are crying for warais for a distance of a hundred yards the house, making a night attack haz-

The tongue of the Egyptian Sea has been destroyed. Men now walk back and forth in the dry bed of the great Nile. The prophecy is fulfilled.

The "tongue of the Egyptian Sea," as Isalah so picturesquely terms the Nile, has been destroyed by one of the greatest feats of engineering ever undertaken in modern

A great dam has been built in the Nile bed, on the southern side of the first cata-ract, near Assuan. The immense wall of solid granite which forms the dam extends from the right bank of the Nile to the left, a distance of a mile and a quarter, and, when completed, will rise ninety feet above the level of the river at low water.

And when this top of the great dam is paved and graded into a thoroughfare, and cars and teams and people are passing at will back and forth upon it, then will come true the last part of the prophecy of Isalah: The object of the great dam at Assuan is to transform thousands of miles of dreary lesert in Egypt into smiling pastures,

INAUGURAL BALL ROMANCE. f. Frank Aldrich of Illinois Weds

Miss Agan. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 18.-The romance of the inaugural ball, and a proposal of marriage made on board the Congressional Limited Express, culminated Thursday in the wedding of Miss Matilda Agan of this city to in Missouri wi former Congressman J. Frank Aldrich of in the courts.

The marriage ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Doctor and Mrs. David H. Agan, at No. 1074 Lex-

Miss Agan went to Washington last Miss Aran went to Washington last month to attend the inauguration of President McKinley. The young woman and her mother were guests of Congressman and Mr. Aldrich Miss Agan and Mr. Aldrich Miss Agan and Mr. Aldrich Miss Agan and Mr. Aldrich returned to New York on the same train, and the proposal was made and accepted between stations.

declared invalid."

Abraham H. Hellman, a member of the firm of A. M. Hellman & Co., and a member of the palace to rescue the dog.

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LEADING TOPICS TRUE IN EGYPT. TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Fair, warmer Friday; For Illinois-Fair; warmer Friday Saturday fair; fresh north to east

For Arkansas-Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday fair; variable winds. War Has Brought Us to the Verge of

Wells Offers to Ald Parker in a Contest,

Committee Favors Open Sewer Inquiry. Father Refuses to Shield His Child. Treasure Hunters Purposely Misled. General Corbin's Bride Heir to \$700,000.

Courtship by Telephone. Death of Silas Jones.

New East Side Relay Station. Fair Incorporation Papers Ready. Presbyteries Conclude Business.

Honor Employes With Banquet Clash Imminent Between Chinese and Million-Dollar Hardware Deal. Railway News.

Good Weather for Baseball. Duelist Annexed Rich Stake Event. Baseball Gossip. Racing Entries.

7. News' From East Side Cities. President McKinley's Coming Trip.

Train Kills Four Persons.

Willie McCormick Still Missing. Alimony From Dead Man's Estate. Pastors Should Wed.

Republic Want Advertisements. New Corporations. Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths. Republic Want Advertisements.

12. Local Grain and Produce Markets. Wheat Fairly Active at Chicago. 13. Financial News.

River Forecast. Mayor Revokes Ziegenhein Permits Final Notices to Dramshop Keepers. Reverend H. M. Campbell to Resign.

BELIEVE THE LAW INVALID. Dealers Say Tax on Liquor Will Not Stand in Court.

St. Louis wholesale liquor dealers express the opinion that the law imposing a tax of 10 cents a gallon on all distilled liquors used in Missouri will fall to stand when tested

M. Shaughnessy, treasurer of the St. Louis
Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association, when
asked what effect the new law is likely to
have on the dealers, said:
"It is my opinion that the law will be
tested in the courts and I think it will be declared invalid."

HURRY AND BUSTLE IN BEAUMONT FIELDS.

Everybody Appears to Be Working Under High Pressure in the Oil Districts.

UNABLE TO GET MACHINERY.

Contractors Offered Premiums to Make Haste-Fortunes Being Made by the Saloons.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., April 18.-Dallas machinery houses have been so rushed with orders for well-boring machinery for the Beaumont oil district that the supply of such machinery has become exhausted. The factories are being pressed for more goods. The head of a Dallas machinery house

Thursday sald that a Beaumont firm desired to purchase an outfit weighing 30,000 pounds. The Dallas house was unable to supply it, and the customer, by wire, ordered the machinery from a house in a northern city, instructing that it be shipped direct to Beaumont by express, as time was too valuable to trust to shipment

tract Thursday to bore a well. He was in doubt as to when the work could be done. The men employing him asked: "How much will you agree to rush the work for?" The contractor placed his price at \$9,000.

Premium Offered for Haste. "I'll give you \$12,000 if you will get at it in six days," said the oll man, and the contract was closed on that basis. Ex-Mayor Traylor of Dallas returned from Beaumont Thursday. He says be never before witnessed such "booms" in

oil, in sporting, and in drinking. "It's a gambler's paradise," he explained "and a saloon beats a gold mine. I saw an Eastern man offer the keeper of an ora month for five years, all in advance-if he would turn over his lease to him. The saloonkeeper declined the offer with the remark: 'I can make that much profit in one year if things keep up as they are now going."

Another Gusher Struck. Private telegrams from Beaumont an-nounce that "Gusher No. 6" was struck about 6 o'clock Thursday evening, and s a well of great force and capacity. The oil is rushing over the top of the derrick. The new strike is the Heywood well which has been eagerly watched for during the last week, and from which wonderful results have been expected and seem to be realized.

INJURED BY COLD WEATHER.

Apples and Peaches Killed and Strawberries Nipped by Frost.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Vanburen, Ark., April 18 .- A heavy frost siderably. The crop will be two weeks late, A telegram received here from north of the Boston Mountains said that there had been heavy snow and sleet in that region, and it was thought all apples and peaches had been killed. This is in Wash ington County, forty miles from here.

VOTES A MILLION FOR NEW CAPITOL,

Lower Branch of Arkansas Assem bly Approves Appropriation to Be Raised by a Tax.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Little Rock, Ark., April 18.-The committee bill providing for the completion of the new State Capitol occupied the attention of the

House for several hours Thursday. The committee, through Chairman J. I Moore of Phillips, presented several amendments, which were adopted. The most important was the mode of raising funds to complete the work. The original committee bill called for a bond issue of \$1,000,000. The amendment proposed Thursday and adopted provides for a direct appropriation of \$1,000,-000, and in order to raise that sum a tax of one-half of one mill on each dollar of taxable property is levied; the tax to be levied and collected for the year 1901 and annually thereafter until the Capitol building is completed. In addition the net proceeds of all ands, except school land, sold by the Land Commissioner, and the fees of the land of-

fice for two years ending March 31, 1903,

shall be used and applied toward the Cap-

itol fund. The bill also placed at the disposal of the committee \$80,000, the surplus fund of the general sinking fund, collected under an act passed in 1899. The House, by a large majority, placed the appointment of the Commissioners in the bands of the Governor. They are to be confirmed by the joint Assembly. The fees of the architect were fixed at 4 per cent on \$1,000,000. Geo. R. Mann is mentioned in the bill as the architect. His plans were accepted two years ago. The bill as amended will be ordered to its third reading Friday. The Senate disposed of several House bills Thursday by indefinitely postponing them.

Among them were: Making it a misdemeanor to fish on Sunday; relating to relinquishment of dower by married women; requiring duplicate copies of complaints or bills in all cases brought in the Circuit Court. The Senate passed the Whitthome bill, naking a deficiency appropriation of \$40,000 for the present sersion of the Legislature.

The insane asylum appropriation bill was amended in the House, sriking out the 1100,000 for a branch insane asylum.

House joint resolution (Fields) proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for quadrennial elections was defeated.

DARED THE FIRE TO RESCUE A DOG.

and it is supposed the General re-entered

"WAR HAS BROUGHT US TO THE VERGE OF RUIN."

-SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH.

Statement Made by Sir Hicks-Beach to the British Parliament.

A BIG BOND ISSUE NEEDED.

"Most Disastrous Exchequer Statement Ever Made," Responded Harcourt.

HOW ENGLAND WILL GET THE SINEWS OF WAR.

Tax on: Molasses, 2s per cwt. West Indian molasses, 2s per cwt. Glucose, 1s 8d per cwt. Exported coal, is per ton.

Refined sugar, 4s 2d per cwt. Increase of tax on: Incomes from 1s to 1s 2d per pound. Total increased tax:

£11,000,000, or \$55,000,000. Total obtained from coal tax: £2,100,000, or \$10,500,000. Bond issue: £60,000,000, or \$300,000,000.

London, April 18 .- Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the British Exchequer, in presenting the financial budget to the House of Commons Thursday, painted a dark picture of Britain's financial condition, attributable principally to the South African war.

He recommended additional taxes on a number of products, principally coal, sugar, nolasses and glucose, and an increase in the income tax, together with a bond issue of £69,000,000. The concluding words of his speech were:

"As to obtaining contributions from the Transvaal, Sir David Barbour's reports are | for the Crimean War.

OMINOUS PICTURE PAINTED BY HICKS-BEACH, THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BRITISH EXCHEQUER.

"I think the House will see that the war has brought the country to the verge

"In our time no Chancellor of the Exchequer has had a more difficult task

"During the last five years we have been invariably able to congratulate the House on a general increase in the prosperity of the country, but the year 1900, especially the last six months, showed symptoms of a change. Our foreign trade during the year considerably increased, but in value rather than in

"I will never be responsible for the fatal policy of paying the whole cost of the war out of loans, without putting a reasonable amount on the taxpayers of

"Our ordinary expenditure would not permit of the remittance of the additional taxation proposed for war purposes last year. It, therefore, becomes necessary to put our expenditure on a broader basis. The country has reached a point where it is necessary to widen the scope of taxation."

House will see the war has brought the country to the verge of ruin. (Opposition

> cheers greeted this remark.) "This can no longer be considered. The small war has cost f151,000,000, double the cost of the Crimean war. There was 167 .-000,000 of the unfunded debt redeemable within the next ten years.

"I have tried to put before the House true account of our finances for the present and immediate future. In our time ro Chancellor of the Exchequer has had so difficult a task, and none has had a more indulgent audience. I have not laid preposals before the House with the view of gaining transient popularity, but I have endeavored to establish a principle of contribution by the whole community to the

burdens of the state." Sir Michael Hicks-Beach concluded amidst lovd applause. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt complimented the Chancellor of the Exchequer

on the ability he had shown, declaring that his speech was characterized by honesty, quarity very much lacking in the conduct of the war, in telling the House and the country the truth in regard to the position. "The budget," continued Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, "was but a chapter in the disastrous incident of the war. It was proposed to borrow altogether £127,000,000 more, four times as much as was borrowed

"We are living in an age of newspap finance." said Sir William, "and of increased expenditures. We cannot go on without involving this country in financial ruin. The fashionable doctrine of the day is conscription and protection; does anybody believe that this increase of ex-

penditure is not to go on?" Sir William argued that England was not as strong now as she was at the close of the French war, and declared, in conclusion, that it was the most disastrous

statement that the Exchequer had ever The preliminary budget statement shows that the revenue of the Government for the year will be \$650,000,000 and the expenditures 1945.600,600, leaving the enormous deficit of \$265,000,000 over and above the product of the

special war tax heretofore levied. The total expenditure to be provided for during the next fiscal year is \$85,000,000. which is an increase of \$165,000,000 over the previous fiscal year. The income tax is to be increased 2 pence

in the fl. sugar is to be taxed 4 and 2 pence per hundredweight, an export duty is to be levied upon coal and the sinking fund is to In his report the Chancellor said that he must ask the committee to extend the bor-rowing powers of the Government consider-ably in excess of the f41,00,000 he had asked for in the first instance. He must now increase the demand to 100,000,000.



WHEN BUFFALO BILL OPENS HIS PROPOSED COWBOY TRAINING SCHOOL.

ASSASSINATION DUE TO A POLITICAL QUARREL.

Dr. Scruggs's Life Had Been Threatened-Police Arrest Wealthy Dairyman-Opponent in Politics.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Memphis, Tenn., April 18.—Sensational developments have been made in the last twenty-four hours in the Doctor Hal Scruggs assassination case, and strong evidence is being accumulated which will un-doubtedly uncover a plot with a number of persons implicated.

Already J. W. Skinner, a wealthy dairyman, and a carpenter named John Phillips are behind the bars held for an investiga-tion, and other equally as sensational arrests will follow.

Thursday afternoon Chief of Police Rich

and and Sheriff Blackwell, were closeted with Skinner for several hours. As a result of the conference, the Sheriff has denied all persons admittance to Skinner's apartments. not even allowing the latter's wife or lawyer to interview him. In addition, the police are trying to locate two race horse men, who have been stopping at the Skinner house. They are missing, and it is believed they can throw some light on the tragedy.

Thursday the police found Skinner's pistal

with two empty shells in the chambers, the weapon having been recently fired. His shoes are said to fit the tracks leading from the scene of the assassination. His Life Was Threatened.

W. O. Phillips, a member of the School Board, of which the dead man was a member, says that Doctor Scruggs told him the day before he was killed that he had been warned by a friend to look out for Skinner, as the later had threatened to take his life. Putting all these facts together, the police say they believe Skinner either fired the fatal shot or laid the plot for the assassination, just which has not yet developed.

John Phillips, the carpenter, may not be implicated.

It is known in the country that Docto It is known in the country that Doctor Scruggs and Skinner have not been friends since last fall, when they were on apposing sides during a political campaign.

Doctor Scruggs and his friends defeated a ticket for Magistrate and School Directors put in the field and supported by Skinner and his friends. In this 19th, Skinner, who was a candidate for School Director, was badly beaten by the physician.

Shorly after the election the apposition

commenced making trouble for the School Directors, the children of and ohers absenting themselves without a written excuse from their parents as required by the school regulations. The children were expelled pending the receipt a written excuses. This brought on a fight. Skinner and friends held an indignation meeting and denounced the directors. Since that time the community has been in a furmoil. The police expect to make many arrests Saturday.

ASKS FOR PROOF OF DEATH

Murder Case, Once Dismi the Reinstated—Trickery Suspusa REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Inc.
Portageville, Mo., April 19.—A ser
ago John Gunn, former Marshalitor
tageville, killed a man, and washind for murder. Last September the rel dismissed upon the representate a Last Saturday the case was redeath of the defendant was denke

proof of his death required.

This case has nething to do with leged insurance swindle which was ily reported from Portageville, thou some respects it is strikingly similar DESERTED FOR SECOND TII Charles Hirsch Says He Ran Av

From Army Twice. Louisiana, Mo., April 18.-A y who gives his name as Charles Hissele

arrested here Wednesday charged a ing a deserter from the United Army.

When arrested he confermed that he deserter, this being his section discovered four days at Jefferson Barried deserted. He was contacted that